(c) IOC's subsidiary company in Mauritius plans to set up 8 more retail outlets in that country by December, 2005. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited have bid for a stake in CPC, which is being disinvested by Sri Lankan Government. This bid is towards the offer of CPC for 100 retail outlets and partial rights over one terminaling facility in Sri Lanka. Apart form these proposals, the public sector companies do not have, at present, any other target with regard to setting up fo retail outlets in foreign countries.

Review of subsidies in Oil and Gas Sectors

2271. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the subsidies in Oil and Gas sectors as part of deregulation process; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Subsidies in the Oil and Gas Sector are kept under constant view of the Government. As per the current Government policy, the Government subsidy on subsidized PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG is to be phased out over a period of 5 years effective from 1.4.2002, *i.e.* Government subsidy would be available upto 31.3.2007.

Gail's plan to review Dabhol Power Plant

2272. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GAIL has made proposals to invest and revive the Dabhol Power Plant;

(b) if so, the details of this investment;

(c) whether GAIL has any experience in this kind of power generation;

(d) to what extent would GAIL be moving away from its core competence by going in for a project like Dabhol Power Plant;

(e) whether there was any outside pressure on GAIL to take over this project; and